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Weekly Weather and Crop Progress Report



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GENERAL

Most of South Carolina gladly welcomed rainfall at midweek, while a small portion experienced misty days with no significant precipitation. While the rainfall slowed peanut and cotton harvesting, it provided an opportunity for some farmers to prepare their equipment for the soybean harvest. Emergence rates of newly-planted small grains and winter grazings were aided due to the rainfall. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 3% very short, 12% short, 75% adequate, and 10% surplus.

FIELD CROPS

BARLEY was 70% planted and 50% emerged. **COTTON** had 99% of its bolls opened and 58% had been harvested. **OATS** were 60% planted and 45% emerged. **PEANUTS** were 93% harvested. **RYE** was 60% planted and 45% emerged. **SOYBEANS** had 96% of its leaves dropped, 84% had matured, and 30% was harvested. **SWEET POTATOES** were at 99% harvested. **WINTER GRAZINGS** were at 85% planted and 65% emerged, while **WINTER WHEAT** was 35% planted and 25% emerged.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

APPLE harvest completed, two percent ahead of last year and one percent above the 5-year average. **LIVESTOCK** and **PASTURE** conditions showed improvement from the previous week, undoubtedly a result of the week's rainfall and mild temperatures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 12, 2006

Crop and Stage	2006	2005	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2006	2005	5-Yr Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Apples, Harvested	100	98	99	Rye, Emerged	45	38	50
Barley, Planted	70	68	75	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	96	93	91
Barley, Emerged	50	48	56	Soybeans, Mature	84	79	79
Cotton, Bolls Opened	99	100	99	Soybeans, Harvested	30	45	40
Cotton, Harvested	58	68	62	Sweetpotatoes, Harvested	99	97	98
Oats, Planted	60	56	69	Winter Grazings, Planted	85	79	82
Oats, Emerged	45	40	55	Winter Grazings, Emerged	65	59	67
Peanuts, Harvested	93	98	97	Winter Wheat, Planted	35	41	42
Rye, Planted	60	53	66	Winter Wheat, Emerged	25	31	33

Condition for Week Ending November 12, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley	0	0	20	80	0	Rye	0	0	35	65	0
Cotton	0	7	54	32	7	Soybeans	1	7	30	52	10
Livestock	0	1	27	70	2	Winter Grazings	6	4	24	66	0
Oats	0	0	25	75	0	Winter Wheat	0	0	25	75	0
Pasture	4	11	39	46	0						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending November 12, 2006

A gray day started the week with rains developing early Tuesday morning. Wet weather continued into the afternoon with locations across the Pee Dee reporting periods of heavy rain. A few breaks in the clouds allowed for drying sunshine late Wednesday. Cloudless, blue skies were observed on Thursday as high pressure, centered near the Florida-Alabama coast, made for seasonal conditions. Surface winds became more southerly on Friday and was reflected in warm afternoon temperatures reaching over 80 degrees. Clouds began increasing Saturday evening ahead of a cooler boundary approaching from the west. A line of showers crossed the state overnight and was followed on Sunday with brisk winds and temperatures falling almost 15 degrees. For the period, the state average temperature was two degrees above normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 85 degrees at Johnston on November 10. The lowest official temperature reported was 31 degrees at Rock Hill and Cedar Creek on the morning of November 6. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 3.14 inches at Gallivants Ferry ending at 7:00 AM on November 8. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 0.9 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 62 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Ocean water temperatures at South Capers Island were reported at 63 degrees.

Precipitation			
Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Deviation from Average
Greer	1.72	35.60	-8.5
Columbia	0.50	34.97	-8.1
Orangeburg	0.58	32.70	-10.3
Charlotte, NC	1.77	37.52	-0.9
Augusta, GA	0.32	32.90	-6.9
Florence	2.08	41.08	1.4
Myrtle Beach	1.41	46.13	5.7
Charleston	1.32	44.12	-2.6
Savannah, GA	0.32	29.97	-15.4

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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